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This will bring you up to date on what I have done concerning the 50 kw radio transmitter which you have written us about on several occasions.

Following your cable, in which you stated that you thought it in our best interests to contact the interested agencies on this subject, I contacted both the State Department and the Department of the Army, neither of which knew anything about it. I am positive that there has been no coordination within the State Department. Through G-2, ID, I ended up in the Civil Affairs Division of the Department of the Army. They knew absolutely nothing about this project and agreed to send a cable directing that this project not be undertaken without coordination here in Washington. I drafted such a cable and sent it to them for dispatch. Almost simultaneously a National Security Council paper only a few days old came out which provided that the United States should undertake a broadcast program to Japan from a suitably located transmitter station possibly on Okinawa. This paper was dated 7 October 1948 which leaves no doubt that the original project with which Colonel Martin confronted us and this one are separate and independent. We have taken the necessary action here on a high level to insure that no transmitter will be erected on Okinawa without complete coordination with us in implementation of the program proposed in this National Security Council paper. However, due to the fact that this paper has come out, the Civil Affairs Division, Department of the Army, declined to dispatch the original message which I drafted.

There is one thing of which I am sure and that is that the project which we have been discussing and which Colonel Martin talked to us about has never been coordinated with anyone here in Washington. I am still very anxious to get any more information you have on it. I think there is no doubt that I could get some action taken if I had positive information that such a program was being undertaken. I suggest that you determine this matter formally and on the highest level in order that I may be sure what I am talking about when I go back to the Department of the Army.

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The National Security Council paper to which I have referred is classified Top Secret and you are not to indicate to anyone on Okinawa that you have been advised of such a program without permission from this office.

Sincerely,

L. K. White

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